

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 507

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A RESOLUTION to commend Benjamin Timothy Barnett for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Timothy Barnett is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Ulysses Jones, Jr. and the State and Local Government Committee; Ben's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, an honors graduate of Highland Hills Christian Academy and Berean Christian School, Ben is the son of Ron and Renee Barnett; and

WHEREAS, Ben always has been active in his community, participating for five years in the Knoxville Youth Christian Concert Band, serving as Percussion Section Leader for three years, and for twelve years in Royal Rangers, from which fine organization he was honored with the Gold Medal of Achievement, was elected both to the State-wide Staff and to the Regional Staff, and was named Knoxville District Royal Ranger of the Year for eight years, State-wide Royal Ranger of the Year for four years, and National Ranger of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ben Barnett exhibits a remarkable work ethic, having served as a Host at Dollywood for two years and as an Assistant Manager, Salesman, and Shoe Technician at Just for Feet for a total of five years; and

WHEREAS, a student at Lee University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Ben has achieved academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, earning a 3.96 grade point average, Ben Barnett is an Honors Scholar who is a Charter Member of Phi Alpha Theta; he has also participated in Tennessee Business Week, being elected Chief Executive Officer by his peers; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Ben Barnett brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Ben has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to service in the public sector, Ben Barnett also has completed internships with Judge Emory of the Knox County Courts and with Judge Wheeler Rosenbalm, a Division Three Civil Judge; and

WHEREAS, his many outstanding accomplishments aside, Ben is blessed to share both love and companionship with his lovely wife of one year, Hannah Marie Barnett; her support and encouragement have enabled him to make manifest his extraordinary potential; and

WHEREAS, Ben Barnett has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum that are worthy of recognition by this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Benjamin Timothy Barnett for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Ulysses Jones, Jr. and the State and Local Government Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.